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## The Vermont Women's Fund

VCW Advisory Council member, the Vermont Women's Fund is committed to supporting the advancement, self-sufficiency, and economic and social equality of Vermont women and girls. No other organization in Vermont makes grants exclusively to support the needs of women and girls. Grants from the Women's Fund help them move out of poverty, establish safe relationships, choose healthy behaviors, build communication skills, master non-traditional occupations, and strengthen their physical, emotional, intellectual, and financial well-being. Read more about the Fund [here](#).

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**Vermont Works for Women's [Dirt Divas](#)** – a mountain bike & empowerment program for middle school girls

Morrisville: June 22-26 ♦ 9-4:30

Hardwick: June 29-July 3 ♦ 9-4:30

Glover: July 6-10 ♦ 9-4:30

St. Johnsbury: July 13-17 ♦ 9-4:30

NE Kingdom overnight (entering 9th grade): July 19-24

Burlington: Aug. 3-7 ♦ 9-4:30

Montpelier: Aug. 10-14 ♦ 9-4:30

**Dirt Divas** is a one-week summer day camp that helps girls cultivate confidence, courage and leadership through outdoor adventure. Girls entering 6, 7 and 8th grades practice **mountain bike skills** and **bicycle mechanics**, as well as **art, games, swimming** and **self-defense**. It's a safe, supportive, **girl-centered atmosphere** that emphasizes **leadership, team-building** and **healthy body image** – with lots of fun woven in! *To register a camper, click [here](#). For more information [check out the site](#) or contact [Jen Roberts](#), 802.622.0400 x 152. Tiered tuition (up to \$300); generous financial aid available!*

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**[Institute for Women's Policy Research](#): Report: Status of Women in the States 2015: Employment & Earnings**

This first release in IWPR's series, [Status of Women in the States: 2015](#), analyzes data points related to women's employment and earnings, and includes state-by-state projections on when the gender wage gap will close. The report also includes data on topics such as: low-

wage workers, older women, millennials, immigrant women, women with disabilities, women in unions, and women in STEM occupations, and includes detailed breakdowns by race and ethnicity. Read the report here. IWPR launched an [accompanying interactive website](#). Find the Vermont page [here](#). Key Report Findings include: A typical working woman loses \$530,000 over her lifetime due to the wage gap. The losses are greater for women with higher levels of education. By the time a college-educated working woman turns 59, she will have lost almost \$800,000.

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### **Women's Day at the State House, Tuesday April 14th – Equal Pay Day**

Come join VCW and [our Advisory Council organizations](#) for Women’s Day at the State House. We'll start the day at with coffee and networking in the cafeteria sponsored by Vermont Business and Professional Women and the League of Women Voters Vermont, followed by opportunities to advocate for continued closure of the wage gap. Stay tuned to VIEW for details and pencil us in to your calendar! New from AAUW: [What’s your College Major Worth?](#)

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### **Live Stream League of Women Voters Vermont Spring Luncheon Speaker on Civic Engagement**

Peter Levine, Director of CIRCLE, The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, will deliver the keynote address at the Vermont League of Women Voters' annual Spring Luncheon on March 21st in Waterbury. His recent book is titled, “We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For: The Promise of Civic Renewal in America” and provides a broad, clear definition of civic renewal, deliberation, and collaboration. Civic renewal, for Dr. Levine, means addressing both sides of the equation: citizens' disengagement and institutional corruption. He firmly believes Americans are ready to take on a serious and energized role in fulfilling their civic responsibilities. Peter Levine, will be interviewed on WGDR, Plainfield 91.1FM/WGDH Hardwick, 91.7, at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 19. Streaming available at [wgdr.org/listen-live](http://wgdr.org/listen-live).

### **Watch the League’s most recent videos:**

February: The League’s Kate Rader with Representative Tony Klein on this Legislative session's energy bill (H.40) and dental practitioners bill (H.1). Find it [here](#).

March: The League’s Jean Hopkins with Dr. Deborah Richter on publicly funded primary health care for all (H.207/S.88). Find it [here](#).

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### **22nd Annual Vermont Professional Lactation Conference**

April 23 & 24, 2015

7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Hilton Hotel, Burlington

This conference is intended for those working with pregnant and postpartum women and their families: lactation consultants, physicians, midwives, nurse practitioners, nurses, childbirth educators, doulas, La Leche League leaders, breastfeeding peer counselors, and public health nurses and nutritionists. Learn more [here](#).

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### **Montpelier's Green Mountain Film Festival**

March 20 – 29

Curb your cabin fever with popcorn and a great film! More info [here](#).

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Watch VCW Commissioner, **Dr. Felicia Kornbluh's** new video, [Forgotten Conflict: Remembering the 1964 World's Fair](#). Learn about the impact of protests at this event. Dr. Kornbluh is also profiled in [this month's UVM History Department Blog](#).

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### **[Main Street Alliance Health Care Policy Forums](#)**

Main Street Alliance has been reaching out to business owners across the state to hear their thoughts on the healthcare system in Vermont. They've heard that business owners are engaged and interested in the state of healthcare in Vermont, but find it difficult to keep up with the evolving landscape. These Health Care Policy Forums, held around the state, will cover the history and progression of universal healthcare in Vermont, information about the current proposals in the legislature, and what lies ahead. Learn more [here](#) and contact [Ashley](#) or 802-380-0667 with questions or to RSVP. Prior registration appreciated, but not required.

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### **Great Jobs in Vermont**

The J. Warren & Lois McClure Foundation, a supporting organization of the Vermont Community Foundation, partnered with the Vermont Department of Labor to identify the top 67 high-pay, high-growth jobs projected for Vermont over the next 10 years. Read the list [here](#), along with detailed information about each promising job, including average wages and which degrees and majors will put students on the right path.

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Applause and cheers to Vermonter **Hinda Miller**: she recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Sports Business Innovation Awards 2015 gala celebration, for the “Jogbra”, a sports bra for women she co-invented in 1977.

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### [Vermont Victim Services Resource Directory](#)

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services is coordinating with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Vermont to update the Vermont Victim Services Resource Directory. The current 2013 version is posted [here](#). Please take a few minutes to review the directory and send any additions or changes to [Aimee Stearns](#) at the US Attorney's office.

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### **The Vermont Commission on Women’s Resource Directory**

VCW also offers a resource directory with over 200 pages of local, state and national resources to help Vermonters help themselves. Find the VCW resource directory [here](#). We would welcome updates as well, [email them to Lilly Talbert](#) – and thanks!

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### [Chittenden County United Way's Women’s Leadership Council Video](#)

[Common Good](#)'s Shelagh Cooley hosts this video, with Linda Tarr-Whelan, Co-Chair United Way of Chittenden County’s Women’s Leadership Council and Martha Maksym, Executive Director, United Way of Chittenden County. Please note: Link Correction: [Video: Women Lead the Way](#).

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### **Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services Advocate Workshop**

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Stoweflake Resort & Conference Center, Stowe

This day-long event includes a workshop for advocates [here](#).

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### [Vermont Commission on Women \(VCW\)](#)

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